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My dear General Willoughby,

Your letter of 7 February has just arrived. Knowing your interest in the OPC situation, I will not delay in getting my reply back to you.

My past correspondence has indicated, I believe, my general feelings with respect to the operations and control of OPC. My views on this matter have not changed. I still feel that the functions of this organization could be completely integrated into the Central Intelligence Agency. The proposal on this point has not yet been acted upon by the National Security Council.

Whatever the decision of the National Security Council, the need for a national effort in the fields they are presently planning to cover is obvious. As I see it, it is our responsibility to assist them in any way possible in the accomplishment of their manifold mission.

As to their pre-emption of certain of our objectives, I feel there is little need for real concern. The fact remains that we retain full responsibility and authority in the field of intelligence collection and dissemination. It is obvious that OPC must of necessity coordinate with our intelligence people and in the last analysis must rely on our advice and guidance in the clandestine field, both at home and abroad.

Your comment on the use of funds for intelligence purposes in the Far East is noteworthy. You may be assured of my support on the use of funds in the field in a manner which will provide the greatest dollar value.

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The one hundred copies of "Sorge's Own Story" have been received. I appreciate your kindness and prompt attention in this shipment. We are now using the book in our training schools. Thank you also for

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is the living enemy, the Richard Sorge's of today, with whom we must primarily concern ourselves. The value of the Sorge lesson is immeasurable as an addition to the shocking tale of past Soviet secret service successes throughout the world. Failure to profit by these lessons, failure to recognize the fact that the same activities are going on across the face of the globe today, failure to act accordingly, are things we must guard against with determination.

With best personal regards, believe me.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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